

Van Buren School District

District Status Report for 2004-05

ACCREDITATION STANDARDS

The Standards of Accreditation of Public Schools require that each school offer three programs of study in three different occupational areas. Below are the programs offered for 2005-06. If a program is offered at a secondary vocational center, students must be enrolled in the 2005-06 school year.

Van Buren High School is offering 14 programs of study in 12 different pathways.

Pathways and Programs of Study

Administration & Information Support

Office Administration	Approved	
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Business Financial Management

Finance	Approved	
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Engineering and Technology

Computer Engineering	Approved	Western Ark Technical Center
Drafting & Design - Engineering CADD	Approved	Western Ark Technical Center
Electronics	Approved	Western Ark Technical Center

Facility and Mobile Equipment Maintenance

Automotive Service Technology	Approved	Western Ark Technical Center
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Family & Community Services

Family & Consumer Sciences Education	Approved	
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Interactive Media

Multimedia	Approved	
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Management

Management	Approved	
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National Security

JROTC	Approved	
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Production

Welding	Approved	Western Ark Technical Center
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Teaching & Training

Education & Training	Conditionally- Approved	Western Ark Technical Center
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Therapeutic Services

Medical Professions Education	Approved	Western Ark Technical Center
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Visual Arts

Advertising Design	Approved	Western Ark Technical Center
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Van Buren High School rating: Meets Standards of Accreditation

ACADEMIC SKILL ATTAINMENT

Academic Attainment has been based on the number of concentrators that score above the 50th percentile on the Stanford Achievement Test-9 (SAT 9). However, the concentrators for 2004-05 were the last students to take the SAT 9 during their sophomore year in high school. Also, the end-of-level assessments in Literacy, Algebra, and Geometry will be used in the future for this measure. Although the Department did report Academic Attainment to the U.S. Department of Education, individual school districts will not be held responsible on the District Status Report this year. Next year, Academic Attainment will be based on the number of concentrators scoring Proficient or Advanced on the end-of-level assessments.

VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL SKILL ATTAINMENT

Vocational Technical Skill Attainment is based on the average scores in the Vocational Student Competency Testing program for all students tested at the end of a CTE course.

	Number Tested	School Average	State Average
Van Buren High School	181	69%	
Business & Marketing Education	49	80%	67%
Multimedia Applications II	49	80%	71%
Family & Consumer Sciences	115	67%	70%
Family Dynamics	36	64%	66%
Food & Nutrition	40	65%	67%
Family & Consumer Sciences	39	70%	73%
Work-Based Learning & Support Courses	17	48%	56%
Workplace Readiness	17	48%	56%

Number tested in district:	181
District average score:	69%
State benchmark	80%

District rating: Below benchmark
Meets or exceeds state average of 68%

Note: According to the records we have from APSCN and from information submitted by the CTE teachers, it appears that the following courses were offered in the district but were not tested during the 2004-05 school year. However, if the course was offered at a secondary vocational center, the testing information will appear in the report for the center and not the district.

Multimedia Applications I

GRADUATION

The graduation rate for concentrators is based on the number of students identified as concentrators the beginning of their senior year (completed at least two units in one occupational area) compared with the number of those who graduated.

Percent of concentrators graduated	92%
State benchmark	90%

District rating: Meets or exceeds benchmark
Meets or exceeds state average of 90%

COMPLETERS OF PROGRAMS OF STUDY

A completer is a graduate who successfully completed three or more units of credit within a program of study, including all the core requirements for that program of study. There are two measures for this indicator. The first is the number of completers compared to the number of graduates. The second is the number of seniors enrolled in career and technical classes compared to the number of completers.

Completers compared with graduates	17%
State benchmark	35%

District rating: Below benchmark

Number of seniors enrolled compared with number of completers	25%
State benchmark	50%

District rating: Below Benchmark

Total unduplicated number of completers of programs of study	55
JROTC	15
Medical Professions Education	11
Information Management/Multimedia	8
Business Administration/Office Administration	7
Family & Consumer Sciences Education	4
Information Management/Desktop Publishing	3
Automotive Service Technology	3
Welding	1
Pre-Engineering	1
Drafting and Design	1
Computer Engineering	1

PLACEMENT

Placement is based on the status of completers six months following graduation. Completers who pursued opportunities in postsecondary education, the workforce, and/or the military are considered positive placements.

Completers reported in 2003-04	101
Percent positive placement	98%
State benchmark	98%

District rating: Meets or exceeds benchmark
Meets or exceeds state average of 95%